

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Les,

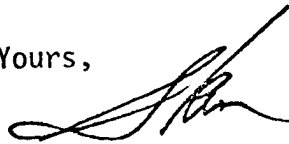
As 1978 draws to a close and I count my blessings, I want to say how much the opportunity of working with you is one of them. There is no one in the Intelligence Community whose competence in his field is more highly respected. The President's personal recognition of this is your highest accolade, but still only one voice in many.

Beyond that, we all respect and are grateful for your sense of dedication to our mission and our country. Your constant enthusiasm and ability to inspire your subordinates to the same sense of dedication are talents of great price.

As you and Eleanor welcome in the New Year, please know that Pat and I are so grateful and pleased to have been associated together in 1978, and look forward to more in 1979.

Thanks.

Yours,



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